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Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
January 22, 2026- 6:00 PM
Flaherty Room - Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Jamie Burns, Pat Dempsey, Jamie Yakushewich, Brian Popielasz, Tim Sadick., Curtis Williams
Community Center – Mary McNelis, John Frackner
Beautification Communication – Stewart Brannen, Jeff Baryla
Public Works – Frank G.

Item #1 - Call Meeting to order:

Meeting called to order at 6:12PM

Item #2 - Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 - Public Comment:

Stuart Brannen - From the Beautification Commission – The Beautification Commissioner would like to work together with the Parks and Rec commission as there are several parks that have both passive and recreational needs. The Beautification Commission will be working on the trails in the woods in Gary Park that lead out to Osprey Drive.

Jeff Baryla – Beautification Commission, Conservation Commission Secretary and Trails manager there to introduce himself to the board and would like to work together and help each other out.

Item #4 –Appointment of Permanent Chair and Vice Chair

Tim Sadick nominated Jamie Burns as Chair seconded by Brian Popielasz

Yes votes – Pat Dempsey, Jamie Yakushewich, Brian Popielasz, Tim Sadick, Curtis Williams,

No - 0 Abstains - 0

Tim Sadick nominated Patrick Dempsey as Vice Chair, Jamie Burns second the motion.

Yes votes - Pat Dempsey, Jamie Yakushewich, Brian Popielasz, Tim Sadick, Curtis Williams, Jamie Burns,

No - 0 Abstains - 0

Item # 5 2026 Meeting Schedule

Schedule needs to be submitted – they committee will meet the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm

Motioned by – Brian Popielasz Second by Jamie Burns

Yes - Jamie Burns, Pat Dempsey, Jamie Yakushewich, Brian Popielasz, Tim Sadick., Curtis Williams

No - 0 Abstain –0

Item # 6 Report from Public Works

Frank G stated there is nothing to report on now. Once Baseball Season kicks off March / April time frame that is when the committee will receive monthly reports.

Item #7 Reports from Community Center Director

Mary McNelis reported - 250 kids in basketball signed up, that is without adult's leagues. Summer Camp will be at the High School, and they have 125 people signed up for the Father Daughter Dance. Tim Sadick did comment on the field being worked on during the summer, the camp will use the practice field and they will work together. The field should be done by August 1. Summer camp runs from June 22 – July 31, 2026

John Frackner stated that Park permits are started to come in the spring permits start April 1 – July 31, 2026. First rights to field go to High School, Middle School, and then Pop Warner, Little League and into organizations, then for profit organizations and out of town.

Discussion about use of the Turf field and the cost to replace as well as us needing to charge what everyone is charging around for the use of their field. They would like to look at how we can lock the field up and how we can police the area better.

BOE has set the field price, and it should be the town that sets the fee. We currently charge \$4,000.00 for the field for the day; this does not include the custodians. On other fields we charge about \$1,000.00 the money goes into the Parks enhancement. The turf field is separate. Tim Sadick and committee stated that we should be looking at what we are spending and charge that. The Committee will look at what we are charging to what we are making. Discussion on what parks the town owns and who owns Casagrande Field.

John asked for approval by the Parks and Rec to administer the process for permits. By going by the timeline from last year.

Motioned by: Tim Sadick Second Jamie Burns

Yes - Jamie Burns, Pat Dempsey, Jamie Yakushewich, Brian Popielasz, Tim Sadick., Curtis Williams.

No: 0 Abstain: 0

Mary McNelis – would like to have the authority to approve groups to approve fields without going through the Parks and Rec commission because of timelines.

Motion to approve temporary policy to allocate field

Motioned by Brian Popielasz Second Tim Sadick

Yes - Jamie Burns, Pat Dempsey, Jamie Yakushewich, Brian Popielasz, Tim Sadick., Curtis Williams

No: - 0 Abstain: 0

Item # 8 Discussion regarding any leftover business from the Parks Commission and Rec Commissions.

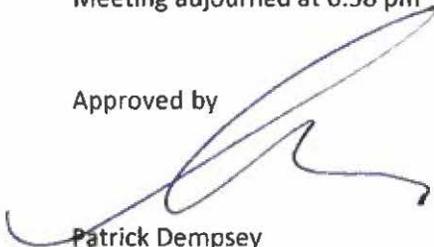
No left-over business

Item # 9 Public Comment

No public comment

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm

Approved by



Patrick Dempsey

Vice Chair

Submitted by:

Anmarie Drugonis

Recording Secretary